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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Teruaki TAJI, et al.

: EXAMINER: COLLINS

SERIAL NO. : 09/810,506

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FILED: MARCH 19, 2001

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

FOR: A METHOD FOR INCREASING STRESS-RESISTANCE TO A PLANT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 9, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group III, Claim 6. In addition, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

B¹
1. (Amended) The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to
claim 6, which comprises introducing a galactinol synthetase gene into the plant body.

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7. (Amended) The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to
claim 6, which comprises improving galactinol synthetic activity in the plant body.

8. (Amended) The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to
claim 6, which comprises excessively expressing the following protein (e) or (f) in the plant
body: